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Makes No Secret of It

CIA Is Against Anti-Prying Bill

Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., D-N.C., told Federal Bar Association lawyers yesterday that the CIA has been the most vocal opponent of his bill prohibiting federal agencies from coercing their employees into buying Liberty bonds, forcing them to join and report on community groups and requesting them to disclose details of their private lives during lie detector testing.

The Senator, chairman of the sub-committee on constitutional rights of the Senate Judiciary Committee, told the gathering of lawyers that the CIA, "which has the most totalitarian power vested in any agency" also objected to a provision of his bill which gives federal employees the right to an attorney at any interview which may lead to disciplinary proceedings.

The Senator said the Civil Service Commission also objects to the establishment of an independent Board of Employees' Rights to enforce the bill's provisions. The Civil Service Commission wanted to be the enforcement body, the Senator said, "but that would be like putting the fox with the chickens."

Under Bill S-782, which the

Senator and 53 other Senators reintroduced this year after it passed the Senate but died in the House last year, Federal agencies would be prohibited from forcing disclosure of an employee or applicant's race, religion or national ancestry.

Sen. Ervin said the bill was drafted following testimony before his sub-committee describing civilian employees at Andrews Air Force Base being told "it is your duty to buy Liberty bonds."

They were made to fill out cards saying they were not buying now but would do so; they were buying but would buy more; or they were "unwilling to assume their share of the res-

ponsibility to aid the President of the United States to make this bond sale a success," he said.

The Senator said testimony also showed department chiefs requesting employees to go before local school boards to seek course changes, and he added

"in a federal agency, a request from a superior is a command."

The Senator said such practices would be prohibited by his bill as would any "questioning about their religion, personal relationships or sexual attitude thru interviews, psychological tests, or polygraphs."

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